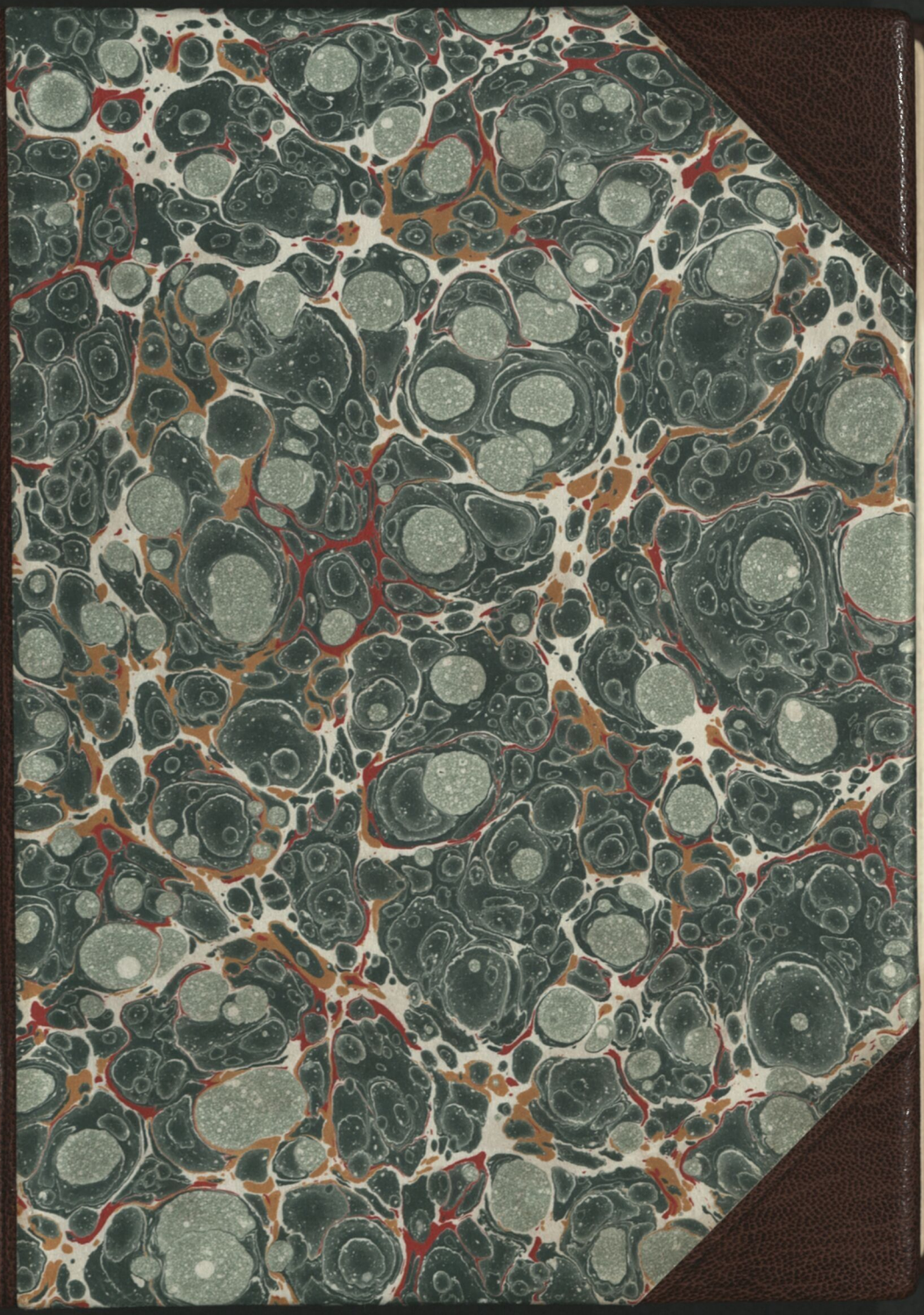

William B Starbuck

Nantucket

Mass

6 Yards ~~unbleached~~ Cotto
3 ~~Spools Cotton~~
1 piece ~~nassaw~~ tape
6 ~~hanks Cotton~~
~~that all that I have~~

3 Yards Unbleached Cotto
3 Spools Cotton
1 piece nassaw tape
6 hanks Cotton

Do not throw this

Boating

Throw Orfat

Boating

Boating Boating

John M Stacy

Pawtucket

Balumore

Master hand

Rammmmmmtide

Diarys, According to the definition of the
word are accounts kept of daily transactions
Therefore I cannot with propriety call this
one: But still it must have a name
let me think What will I name it?
A scatch or an abstract of a diary or journal
* rough in its form — simple in its composition
— neither complicated nor abstruse; But plain
and comprehensive in its meaning and intended
for no other taste and views except my own
With ideas mostly my own and when those of others
are used they shall have the credit of bearing two
such marks as these" I hate plagiarisms.
Those little purloinings, I mean, of words, ideas,
and sentences; and adapting them to our use,
without even giving their rightfull authors
that meed of merit and credit which is due to
them; A specimen of my writing in 1873
My object in writing this is to have some thing
at any future period as a reference and remembrance
of the past which I think will afford me some
little pleasure and amusement in reading it over
ospect in after days and recall to my mind,,recollections
of by gone days,, which, would otherwise be entirely
erased from my memory

It will contain facts, narrative, and descrip
of what I see, hear, and think in the cours
of my peregrinations around the "big pond"
I shall not hold my self very particular a
writing down the occurences of every day
But shall when I feel inclined and have
leisure write what I think most prop
to appear in the pages of this book
Whether at sea or ashore I will keep it a
the manner that accounts are kept ashore
I shall not use the nautical day because
by shifting it therefrom to civil account
will be apt to make it too complicated W

A specimen of my writing in the
year 1873 about 88 years after
the above was written.

I wrote this in 1880. Sept 8th A rainy da

William B. Starbuck 1880. Sept 8th.

Dec

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William B. Starbuck 1839

Decr On the 13th we sailed from Boston with the topsails reefed fore and aft, and before we were outside the topsails were all close reefed: the pilot took his departure, and then we wended our way onward with the hope of acquiring more sea room before
14th the night set in — the next morning the wind began to increase and sometime in the following night we were lying too under
15th a close reefed maintopsail, fore and main spencers, and foretopmast stay sail, in which state we continued two days — in a word we have had nothing but blows ever
25th since. On the night of the 25th we made the light on the island of Abaco, (better known as the hole in the wall) off which we have been beating and banging about for four days. The island as its name indicates is long, and low, and the light house is on the southeast and highest point of the land; the shores, or that part of them that I have seen, appear to be rocky, and precipitous, and in a N.E. wind the surf beats high, and heavy in the vicinity of the light house; nearly opposite the light in an easterly direction is a

large rock detached from the principal island, over which in a heavy sea the surf breaks with tremendous violence and noise, at the same time throwing the white spray and foam high above the
30th summit of it — We were blessed on the fifth day with a fair wind, and we kept her along and made very rapid progress we saw the island which is low and sandy after we had passed it kept sounding for the land and were in 17 fathoms water which has gradually shoaled, untill it became 3 at
31st 10,0. clock we were becalmed hauled up the courses, cleared up the topgallant sails, and hauled down the jibs, cleared away the anchor, and let it go. I will here give a sort of a discription of this part of the world. These banks are situated between the 20th and 30th degree of north lattitude and between the 75th and 80th degrees of west longitude; the water has a most beautiful appearance when the sun shines upon it. The way that I account for that appearance of the water is owing to the whiteness of the bottom and the transparency of the liquid that covers it.

The banks

The sand of which the bottom is composed, can vie with the snow of the most northern regions for whiteness and when the sun throws his slanting rays on the surface, the sea heaves off a soft, and beautifull blue colour, which is very pleasing to the sight of the beholder.
We saw the island of New Providence at a distance, through a dusky haze which gave it rather a dark aspect when compared with the white beach that lines its shores; we were not near enough to discern the habitations upon But by the sight that I had of it appeared to be pleasantly diversified with hills valleys and plains. — At 8 o'clock we weighed our anchor, and again stood for our port of destination with all sail that could be brought to bear.
I do not think I shall have a better opportunity of giving a discription of the persons and dis positions of our ship's company — But I shall have to be guided altogether by appearances and my own judgement, as to character.
at present

1839

Discriptions &c

X Well we will begin with the captain as our chief — he is a man about 5 feet 6 in in hight, quite strait, and well proportion light complexion, and blue eyes, he is rather easy spoken; except when vexed; at which time he can raise his voice to a considerable pitch — he is about 45 years of age, and he appears to be master of his profession — He is what seaman calls a good man. the next in command, is a light, spruce, and well built person, of 5 feet 9 inches; about 25 years of age; and of a good disposition, and wears large whiskers which meet under his chin: he is what the ladies would denominate a handsome young man.

But our third, Oh heavens! how shall I discribe him. I shall be under the necessity of waiting untill my watch on deck, so as to take a good view of him, and then I shall be able to give a distinct discripton of the critter

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A specimen of my writing in Jan. 1839

Discriptions

Well here goes. You shall have it as well as I can give it.
He is about 5 feet 7 inches high, and low built, his thinking machine is covered with a quantity of dirty, chesnut coloured hair, which is matted, and looks as if it had not been combed very lately. To take things in rotation his forhead is villianous low,, eye brows, dark, and straight. eyes gray, small, and glassy. nasal organ, large, no colour suitable, aquiline. cheeks, cadaverous, and sallow. the bones thereto appertaining, high, prominent, and sharp, the aperture from whence issues the most absurd of all absurdities,, (the kings english so hacked, mauled, and murdered, as to be scarcely inteligible), is large, and when he grins at the captain his nether lip falls, the corners of the above mentioned aperture rises a little, at the same time opening the lips a little and showing a set of masticators that bid defiance to sea cakes in general the lower prominence of the face

1839 Discriptions

is long, sharp, and juts forward wi
gives the phisiognomy a fine
appearance: The neck is large, stro
and rather bullish; the shoulders
broad, and little inclined to a stoop; the
arms are long, and the appendages
affixed to the end thereof are large,
and I should say about the size
of a shoulder of mutton; as I said
before his body is box built, that is,
straight up and down, without eithe
crook, or turn in it; except when he
is taken with a consequential feelin
(which is as often as he has the deck)
and then he throws back his shoulder
which leaves a large hollow in the
back that would make a very
suitable receptacle for a sac
of salt in the mean while he
stomach protubes forward and
looks ridiculous which makes me
laugh every time he is taken
with the feeling his legs are a
pretty good size and would look
very well were it not for his
throwing them

each way somthing similar to a
cow's hind leg when she is running
down hill. his feet are a good larg
size and consequently are good for
planting potatoes.
Now I have given you the best discrip
tion I can of his person of which
his disposition is not far behind
to give you a better idea of it I will
try to describe his manner when the
captain speaks to him. Perhaps
he may be forward somewhere when
he is called and if you were at the
helm you could have a fine view
of him. Well here he comes throwin
his legs and feet after the aforesaid
manner his body bent and his
arms hanging listless in front
his mouth and eyes open to their
full extent which forms his
countenance into a stupid grin
and stare and when he gets
within about 3 feet of the captain
he stops pulls his right hand to
his head and pulls down as shoves
up the scull cap that he wears

Then in a whining half suplicating tone. asks; vat jue say sars and that is his general way of speaking and acting to his superiors and that is the way he has risen to his present degree of greatness long may he keep possession of it is the prayer of his humble servant

But to take him on the other hand he there shows his full character and throughtens esp, as I have said before he strutts to show himself off and uses all the petty arts and low cunning of a tyranical disposition and the slavishness which was inculcated in his mind before he came to this country.

31st In the afternoon we made sail kept
1840 and the rocks (I beleive it was) to
Jan windward and passed them about 6 P.
1st clock we had good weather that
night and the following day
untill we anchored in Mobile bay

Sail Ho

2d between the hours of 2 and 3 in the morning we were hauling aft the fore sheet When the Officer of the watch vociferated with the voice of a Stentor luff! luff sir here is a sail right under the lee bow. we immediately mustered on the forcastle; But nothing could we see the captain inquired where the vessel was; we all answered we had seen nothing of her when the above mentioned personage said he did not know but was sure he saw some kind of a craft and had seen the light through her cabin windows and so it passed off; But still the captain was not inclined to believe my noble. 3d The next morning the word was passed forward to take the lee fore bowline out of the way that it should again be reported as a sail nothing material occurred untill our 6 days anchoring here on the 9th the same evening the old man was carried on board of a lighter bound up to the city of Mobile

10th The next morning one of the men
while we were scrubbing decks
went below to clean the forcastle
Dickey came forward and asked wh
Ned was meaning the man that
was below some one told him he
was below scrubing he called him up
and began rating him Ned like the
apostle of yore stood in his own defe
ence, the Officer continued his des
cantation upon good discipline good
usage good conduct &c at last
he told Ned that he was no two
faced chap. Ned told him that he
had acted that way ever since he
had left Boston. Dickey's dander
was now up he open his eyes wi
-de and grated his teeth sharply an
made a bolt close up to Ned an
clenched his fists and roared out
some terible oaths and said
do you mean to make me out
a liar Ned told him as he said befor
the dutchman went to his work
but they still continued growling
at one another

During which time shed asked him if he wished him hereafter to come to him (when the forcastle was to be cleaned) and take his hat off and make a bow (suiting the action to the word) and say shall I be permitted to clean our forcastle out This little so tickled my fancy that it set my risible organs all agog and I had a considerable to do to keep from breaking out into what is termed a vulgar horse laugh and that right in the face and eyes of his high mightiness the second Mate. While the gentleman was standing in his pugilistic attitude "thinks I to myself, now if he should hit ned a douse in the face with that leg of mutton fist of his it will be a goner with him but he did not, which was very wele

1862 Mobile

19th To day is the sabbath which is the on
time that I have to write and no
I shall have to give the whole occu
ences of the past week as they rec
to my memory; But there is one th
certain that is the second mate str
presists in his petty acts and is dea
set against cleaning the forecas
We have been employed the past we
in fitting the topgallant rigging we
sent the masts down and fitted it
on deck and then tarred it and sen
them aloft — tarred the fore and aft
stays and the topmast rigging and
backstays down as far as the top
some were occupied in fitting the
sails of which gang I composed
part. Our two has occupied the la
hour in brushing and cleaning a
piece of firearms which I should
think was a good specimen of by
gone days for such an antiquated
piece of offensive weapon I have
not seen lately it is a large size
horse pistol nearly between the sy
of a holster pistol and a blunderbu

But rather verging towards the latter he has brushed and cleaned untill he was tired and then commenced loading and firing which he did a number of times with a broad grin of self-satisfaction which overspread his stupid countenance But it was like the sun shine on a rainy day it was but momentary and then relapsed into all its former stupidity and grossness It was all done with the intention of showing that he had such an article in his possession and I suppose he thought it would intimidate the gentlemen that kept their abode in the fore end of the ship
Three nights ago both the mates came forward pretty fast the first ~~that~~ I heard of it was the 1st mate calling the 2d by the time they had got forward I came up the fore hatchway and there they stood in all their glory and boots sans pantaloons the mate inquired of me whose watch it was I answered baltimore's he then looked around and found baltimore and told him to keep a good lookout

I afterwards heard the mate tell the 2d mate he thought some of the hands were getting the boat out

23d Day before yesterday we received the news of our having a freight for Havre and today we saw a lighter in the shape of a sloop — manned the boat and went and spoke her We took a line from her and towed her some distance but the tide was unfavorable and she anchored we then went alongside of her and took the hoosiers and stevedore and carried them onboard of our ship as soon as they had got onboard they commenced clearing away the balls ready to receive the cotton shortly after the lighter came alongside and we discharged the cotton from her — In a few days another came But she arrived at night and we had to take the top tier of cotton off her to lighten her and since then we have had a number of lighters down One arrived day before yesterday and the captain came down in her the wind blew very hard yesterday and she did not come alongside untill afternoon and we were late at night before we got the deck load off

February Sunday 2d

The following day it blowed very fresh we did not get the lighter alongside until near dinner time and discharged her
I will here attempt to give a discription of the manner of stowing a ship (at least ours) with cotton we had a considerable quantity of ballast in the hold — we commenced by digging it away untill we had dug below the top kelson about three inches the whole length of it and made the trench of sufficient width to receive a bale of cotton we then fitted the bales down and leveled the ballast off again and then began the second tier; But from the after hatchway aft we put none on the kelson But laid our first tier one tier higher than that in the ballast the second tier or layer was the whole width of the ship and the whole length the third the same only with the exception of marrying in two bales in the rows that went a cross the ship Which is done by placing two bales over a space between other bales that is not sufficiently large enough to take two without screwing them when they are placed in the above mentioned position the screws are placed on top of them and by dint of screwing they are rolled

1840 S.C.

down and like every thing else find their level
among their fellows — then comes the other
two tiers which are rolled up in the same
way that the others are rolled down
the way that it is performed is this one bale
is placed ontop of another on their flat (and
in some places where they have to be screwed
in on flat first) then the lower bale is
turned to keep it from slipping back
then we put the sampson-post up which
is a part of a large tree about eight inches
in diameter and ten feet long with 4 or 5
jogs cut in it to receive the daggs of the
screws this post up one end against the
deck beams while the other rests on the
bales below; the screws are then put up the
daggs i,e, the iron on which the worme of the
screw is, is put in one of the jogs and the
box against the bales then heave taught
take your places and wait for the song
which is given by the foreman of the gang
and the other four give the chorus in full
which are such as these — eat the meat &
eat — Chorus — Jenny banged the flossie — down
below that bale must go — chorus — down below
boys down below

and the bale rolls up as if there was no foreign
in the case. She is now nearly full and
12th this evening the steavedore and 6 of the hoosiers
went onboard of the ship Moscow to stow
her leaving behind there two foremen to
block her off. the day after another foreman
left and the next day at 6 P.M. she was
blocked off and the remaining foreman
was carried onboard of the other ship
15th We left that beautifull place called Mobile
bay early in the morning with a fine
breeze and soon cleared the land
and then came the change of scene which
sailors are fond of, that is, variety
of which I am fond and having a taste
for looking into the beauties and wonders
of nature I shall have a chance of examining
now for myself the various causes of the rising
and working of storms, winds, and currents.
22d Nothing of any account has happened since we
left mobile bay but we have had head winds
all the time. to day we saw the U.S. sloop
of war Warren 18 guns lieutenant commanding
Wilson. she bore down and spoke us and sent
the boat onboard for news

1840 At Sea

25th Yesterday we made the island of Cuba so
the entrance to the havanna and the pa
of matanzas and was plying to windward
all day and night and we are still continuing
March the same
1st Was ushered in by the second mate rousing
us about from one thing to another un
daylight we then commenced washing i
and when we had finished them we
hauled a barrel of beef out of the fore
and he opened it and had the beef
into the harness cask he then put th
head in and sent Thomas Lewis forward
with it for the purpose of putting it be
again some of the watch asked him t
let it stand untill the second mate
and we would tell him we wished to
it kept on deck so as to give us some r
under the berth to put our boots and
shoes in which when he came forward
we did he said it must go down we tr
to expostulate with him but he wo
not hear our arguments and said he di
not care a d—n it should go down an
it was put down When the captain
came on deck George Bliss went to

Christian Winkelman was he belonged in Hanover. **At Sea** George Bliss's right name..

him and asked him if the barrel could be taken out he answered* in the affirmative and it was taken up. afterwards the mate came forward on one side of the deck and the second on the other the mate spoke and asked the second mate why the barrel was not below he answered he had had it put below and did not know how it came up The mate then ordered Tom Coffin to put it below We were at breakfast we all immediately left our eating and went aft on the quarter deck when we had got there the mate asked us what we wanted and without waiting for an answer ~~the~~ he swore a big oath that he had as much negro blood in him as any of us and he knew what we came for and he would be d——d if that barrel should come up No one saying anything to him all this time shortly the captain came up from the cabin and George again asked him if the barrel could be kept on deck the answer was - yes - all the while the mate kept swearing and blaspheming and called us d——d s——s and said he work us up for coming aft and

* the second mate was standing by and heard the conversation George had with the captain.

2nd

speaking to the captain
The mate had the barrel scrubed clean
the morning and ordered that no one
should put away kind of an article
on it — the second mate kept one wate
moving about pretty briskly the whole
4 hours — At half past one we rigged
out the starboard* studding sail boom
and commenced hoisting the sail wh
it was just above the boom he sent
us to haul out the tack and while
we were hauling it out some of
us as is customary sung out he then
came pard of the way to us and cried
out G-d d—n your souls to Hell dow
make such a d—d noise we all
went forward and asked him what
he meant by using such language
he did not render any excuse but to
us to go and haul the tack out
which we did But the man was
most awfully scarr I dont think
he will grow much more nor w
any more such language way so

* fore topt mast

At Sea

3rd At 4, P, clock AM rigged out the fore top-
mast studding sail boom when we had
hoisted the sail as high as the fore yard the
second mate hauled the sheet down taut
and then ordered us to haul the tack
out we accordingly went to the tack
and housed it as taut as we could get
it he then saw we could get no more
of it he told us to put on the watch
tackle which we did and then hauled
it out we then put it on the hali-
ards and hoisted it up he holding the
sheet in his hand with a turn around
the cavil slacking it as easily as if he
was lowering a piano forte into the hold
At any time we could and always did hoist
the sail up by hand But this morning
I beleive he was determined to work us
up he again commenced his growling
at us we spake to him in mild terms
and told what he was to expect from
us and it ended in his usual threatening
George Bliss was at the helm from 4 to 6
in the course of his trick he went
aft and said you are off 2 points, no sir,
I am only off ½ point, you lie you

* the second mate

d—d pirate son of a b—h.
At 6, o'clock P.M. the mate came forward and changed 2 of the men one into one watch and one into athee he then took charge of our watch and the second took the other we do not know what is going to happen but we hope nothing out of the way.

6th Everything has gone along smoothly since the change of the watches and we have had no cursing, swearing, or growling, We have had the wind from the N.W. ever since the 4th part of the time we have been running under double reefed top sails and whole course yet we had sometimes more sail on her and sometimes less

7th At 12, o'clock our watch was called and when we went on deck I observed that the heavens were covered by a dense black cloud and the night was dark as hades and the frequent flashes of lightening which transiently obscured our sight ~~and~~ rendered our eyes almost useless, But still it made a great addition to the gloominess of the night. As soon as we were all on deck the mate called to us to haul in

Squall

the weather main brace at that moment the squall struck us, the mate called to the helmsman to put the helm to port. But the vessel was now coming too and he was unable to get the helm up untill another man helped him — the ship was now in the wind the sails were slatting and shaking at a horrid rate and she laying almost on her beam ends — now thought I some of the sticks or canvas will go and I almost thought I could hear the sails splitting and tearing to pieces; But an occasional flash of lightening shewed me that I was mistaken the vessel sustained no other loss than a few blocks and the fore sheet pennant. When the squall struck we were running before the wind under the main topsail double reefed and the foresail. the former was clewed down and close reefed and the latter was hauled up and furled the fore top mast stay sail was then set and she went along on her former course as if nothing had happened But before daylight she was going before it under the staysail "like a little negro with a big dog ator him"

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1820 The Cruise

12th Ever since the last date, we have had a fair wind most of the time, sometimes under short sail, and at others with full sail, last night we had her shorten down to the maintopsail and foresail double reefed; But the watch on deck are now making sail, 1½ O'clock, P.M.,
Since the chief mate has headed our watch every thing has gone on pleasently no growling or working up and we are all as happy and comfortable as common jacks can possibly be on shipboard.
X The person that I have spoken of before under the appellation of Ned with ~~his~~ the initials of his name E, H, B, and is one of those eccentric personages a body sometimes meets with in the course of his ambulations through the world
He is a sean grit chap, and every inch a sailor, well informed, — can tell a longer and a better yarn, than any other man in the ship He is of irish descent and I suppose that is where he takes his story telling propensity from for they are the best people in the world to touch of a yarn with all the little appendages that will

and imagination can invent
Then comes long Tom Coffin where he got
his cognomen I do not know without he
received it from some of the play going
people; But he is a real specimen
of the down east marina above 6 feet
high rather slim for his hight and
has the regular down east way speech,
look, and walk, he many times remarks
that it is no use for him to keep a
protection because any one will ship
him for an American by his looks
and therefore he never wants one
I have now been with him 18 months
and he is as good an associate a I wish
to have — — — — — B. G. Crowell
X
25th Since my last date nothing material
has occured; But the second mates
some days ago had a bit of a spree with
John Lewis the captains apprentice he
clenched him and hauled him down
on the main hatch But John was
rather too fast for him; and in the
midst of blows, scratchings, and kicks
he quitted his grip, and cleared himself
and ran aft

Down he went into the cabin with fire and malignity depicted on his countenance for he was mightily scared and savage together; the skipper returned and the sons came up, and called John aft, and interogated him as to the cause of the fracas; Being satisfied of the right, and wrong of the case he then called, at least the gentleman had run aft in the midst of John's examination to contradict some statement that was advanced by John, and he was kept there untill he had finished his side of the case.
Then the captain reprimanded the severely.

* the captain's gentleman friend

Day before yesterday the old ship was going along at quite a decent rate; we clewed up the fore and mizzen top gallant sails: the fore flew over the end of the yard, and tore a big hole in it before we had furled it, the foot rope of the fore top sail parted and the sail split, clean up to the second reef. and then! wasn't there a precious small job? call all hands and unbend it and bend another,

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And unbend the topgallant sail, and send it down. The poor fellows that had the afternoon below lost it; I was sorry for them — poor fellows.
There is now a vessel in sight astern of us; But she is not near enough for us to make out what she is.
I forgot to put it down until now, that we had seen a french brig; But did not speak her: only hoisted the ensign which she answered by red, white, and blue.
We have had a gale too, among all the other good things of this life, to help us to spend a few of our days on this terrestial sphere, and when we are visited by one of the fraternity, I think of the old adage "if there was no foul days we should not know the fair."
I also think if those persons who live on the land, and write in a poetical strain, of the mountain billows of the roaring, deep, blue main, and the ships that cleave those wild, unmanneerly surges were occasionly to be amongst us.

In a heavy squall, of a dark, cold, stormy night, running up and down rigging, from one mast, and yard to another, reefing, and furling the sails, the ship rolling, and pitching about like some mad thing: with now and then a big wave madder than the rest, coming foaming and rolling and at last strikes the vessel, and throws its white head over onto the devoted heads of the poor sea sailors washing their clothes, and drenching them to the skin; if there happens to be some rain intermixed with the wind it helps to heighten the poetry of their situation.

I say if those persons were here they would think with me, that there is but very little of either poetry, or romance, in this part of the life of a sailor.

April 4th On Monday the 30th, our ship was lying too, we raised a ship coming from the eastward with her main royal set; when she got abreast of us, we showed our telegraphic

number, which was answered by her showing a red, swallow tailed, tongued bergee, with two white Cs in it; supposed to be the Charles Carrol, one of the packets between New York, and Havre
A day or two after, we saw a barque supposed to be American, by the peak of her mizen
On the 24 inst we found that the ship had sprung a new leak or had enlarged the old one it has increased untill at present and now she leaks about 1300 strokes per hour.
Yesterday afternoon all hands were employed some in keeping her free others in rigging a wee gee which was finished
It is blowing a heavy gale of wind at the present time and we are lying to under the maintopsail close reefed and nothing else; which is for the purpose of letting her lay easy The watch ondeck are employed in fitting the longboat that is caulking the seams and nailing. pareeling on them

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In the afternoon all hands were employ 6th
in sending down the fore and mizen top-
gallant masts, the yards having been
sent down the day before,
the pump going — the ship lying too with
the helm lashed — some of the hands
employed in stitching cotton on to a top-
gallant studding sail, for the purpose
of hauling it under the ships bottom,
and try if some of the cotton would not
get drawn into the leak, and stop it
from leaking so fast
5th The sabbath; set the fore and mizen top-
-sails the courses and spencers.
Hauled the sail under the bottom abreast 7th
of the fore chains, and kept fleeting
it aft every little while untill at night
when we hauled it on deck all the
was off, and the sail was nearly torn
to pieces — the pump going as fast as ever
We are now about 300 miles from land
with a leaky ship which situation 8th
is not the most enviable in the
world, and a head wind to help the
scrape along and keep all things
moving together.

At Sea

6th The pump again without cessation!
At daylight saw two sails to windward
bound the same way that we are.
Turned a reef out of the fore and main
top sail, and set the main top gallant
sail; another sail ahead
When the second mates watch went on deck
at 8, O, clock, he set them at work at
the side-ladder: The captain called him
aft and told him "if he wanted the
ladder fitted,, he must fit it himself:
Because the men had enough to do to
relieve the pump and helm every half
hour, and take in sail when it was needed
7th At 3, O, clock, A, M, close reefed the topsails
and took in the jib at 12 took in the
foretopsail and spanker — blowing heavy
and a considerable sea on — Took in the
mainsail before dinner — The weather is
squaly and rainy and blowing heavy
still at the pump — sounded the well
and found about 14 inches of water
8th At 6, O, clock A, M, set the fore topsail
and mainsail — saw 3 sails — At 8, O, A, M,
took in the mainsail — This day our
watch agreed to relieve every hour at the pump and helm

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At Sea

9th Cold, and chilling, (winds) heavy winds, and right ahead; With the exception of 3 hours, the wind has been ahead these last 14 days, and here we are beating about in the bay of Biscay But I am in hopes soon to see frenchland.
At 8 A.M. called the watch, and wore ship at 10 set the mainsail; at 12 set the fore spencer, and the spanker, and the jib at 1. the pump as before –

10th In the morning watch shook the reefs out out of each topsail and set the main top gallant sail. A brig passed us ahead bound to the southward with studding sails set.
At 3 O'clock P.M. put the ship about – All sail set that will draw on the wind – at 4 tacked again – 4 sails in sight – fine weather

11th Fine weather and the wind unfavorable
At 7 A.M. tacked ship and stood on the southern and eastern tack – Opened the after hatch and took out a quantity of wood and two casks of water and then caulked them down again
Thank God! At last we have got a fair wind squared the yards and pointed her head S. E ½ E. Still the pump without any decrease in the leak

At Sea

This forenoon the second mate was in the cabin looking at the chart he called to the steward and told him that we were 700 miles from land and what potatoes was yet remaining he must save for the use of the cabin At hearing such strange language the captain made his appearance looking marlinspikes at him and the donkey moved off much after the manner of a frightened dog; Amidst all of his ignorance and meanness he was conscious of having troubled himself with the disposal of that which was in no way allied to his duty as an officer in the station which he fills But he not being aware of the immediate vicinity of the captain spoke thus to the steward (he being a green one) in hopes thereby to stop what few we now get

A number of times he has tried to create a disturbance (with the other as an accomplice and instigator who is better skilled and works deeper and more darkly) Once the two had their coffee stopped a number of mornings on account of their orders concerning the cooking of our victuals with which they manifested a disposition to trouble themselves more than was needful

12th At 3½ O clock A M set the fore top mast
studding sail wind fair but very light
At 5 set the lower studding sail at 6 sent
the main royal yard aloft and set the sa
3 sails in sight at 12 fine weather and a
good strong breeze = the pump going
13th In the morning watch set the top gallant
studding sail this forenoon sent the fore
top gallant mast, rigging, yard and sail
up the old ship is going at the rate of
knots Our provisions are getting short we
get rice and pork one day, and duff and beef
next, I have improved in my writing, 18
* Since March the 6th the two mates have
quite easy as to working us up, that is, in
doing unneccary work: But of late they
have began to look sour and displeased at
I suppose the reason of that is to lull us
into security and when we get to Havre
break out upon us and work some curse
means to get us imprisoned; And another
is the captain is now present which is
the only check they have; He will board
ashore and have his business to do which
will give them a better chance of
their diabolical threats against us

At Sea

But I cannot conceive, why they, who are
hirelings like ourselves, should wish to render
the voyage uncomfortable and rack their brains
to find out means to annoy us Were we men
such as I have seen onboard of vessels (who
shipped as able seamen and could hardly
knot a ropeyarn) I should not blame them
so much; But, no! We all perform the duty
we shipped for; At plenty of sails in sight
the watch employed in sending up the mizen
top gallant mast, yard, and gear, and set the sail
At 8 o clock Between 7 and 8 P M passed a top
sail schooner to leward standing on the wind
The wind still continues favourable
14th At 30 clock A M took in the lower studding sail
The wind having hauled a little to the southward
at 6 took in the other two studding sails
at 7 backed the mizen top sail and sounded
found bottom with 75 fathoms of line the
bottom appeared by the lead to be grey sand
with broken shells and red specks filled away
again and stood along E by N per compass.
And therefore they can have no reason to impose
upon us nor abuse us But they have done
it, and do it occasionally now I think it must
be owing to their ignorance and the meanness

of their dispositions combined with the cowardly soul that ~~[illegible]~~ them to deeds of tyranny of the most pusillanimous mould And if we should make any resistance against such proceedings they would imediately make it out mutiny in the first degree and thereby get a claw upon us to take our wages then those inexperienced people on the land will throw their devotional eyes up to heaven and exclaim Oh! the brutes Oh! the villains! they ought to be hanged. Not in the least considering the abuse, insults, and imposition which the laws of our country leave us open to Neither do they think that sailors have any feeling more than those in common with beasts But still they have and some of them of the most acute and fine kind And then to have those feelings insulted and harrowed up untill some act of desperation is committed which will give them a name of the darkest purport. And as I said before cause those that are unacquainted with a sea life to think it was all the fault of the sailors wholly good usage and words will go any lengths to serve a man from which they receive it

At Sea

Sounded every 4 hours untill 8 PM the wind having
hauled so that we were forced to keep her full
and by At 11 called the watch and tacked
ship and stood to the south and westward
the wind increasing gradualy
15th At 1 AM took in the top gallant sails and
at 2 called all hands and double reefed the
topsails took in the mainsail jib and
spanker. At 6 the wind hauled and the
watch wore ship round sent the royal yard down
set the mainsail jib and spanker and let
a reef out of the mizzen top sail
Last night and this morning kept a sharp
look out for the Scilly lights on the coast of
old England At 5 PM shook a reef out
of fore and main topsail hauled up the main
sail and spoke a fishing vessel and inquired
the bearings and distance of the land which
was 9 miles distant and bore N E by N, But
we could not see it on account of the haze
although shortly after we saw it very plain
At 8 O clock the light bore N N W distant
15 miles At 11 set the top gallant sail
the pump going as fast as ever
16th At 1 AM shook the reef out of the mizzen top
sail and set the top gallant sail on the wind

At 5 shook the reef out of the fore and main top sails the land and a great number of sail in sight As the Dutchman says "the land of our forefathers" and from whence sprung the race of beings well known by the appellation of Yankees. Fine weather and a plenty of land and sails in sight; At 5 P.M. put the ship about all hands were employed in scraping and slushing the masts

When we put the ship about, the second mate could not, or would not, call any one to help him work the forecastle; Because he is so hated and detested that none of us like to work with or under him, and after we were round he went and kicked up a muss with his chum

At 8 the stark light bore N. distant 12 miles

17th At 2 A.M. tacked ship and stood to the northward and eastward the wind increasing at 7 called all hands and shortened down to double reefed topsails at 9 put her about again, at 12 had all sail on her again At 10 P.M. took in the fore and mizen topgallant sails; at 4 strong lookout kept for sails and lights. the Beef is now all out and we have nothing but pork.

18th At, fine weather and light breezes set the topgallant sails put her about and

At Sea

had a calm; over a hundred miles from the port
of Havre, provisions mighty low
19th Fine weather and a light breeze from the N.E.
At 12 M set the the top mast studding sail
and the top gallant studding sail sent the
royal yard up: heading straight for Havre
At 3 A.M took in the studding sails
Light winds and calms At 2 P.M took a
pilot as soon as he came on board he had
the top mast studding sail fitted on her
steering by the wind
20th At 2 P.M the wind came fair squared the
yards and fitted all the studding sails on her
Mr Under has spunked up and put on
a pair of cloth trousers loons onest with bright
buttons he looks as gay as a cabbage: with his
new squeaking boots on
21st At 11 P.M. was towed into the basin and let
the anchor go
22d laid in the ~~[illegible]~~ until the tide rose
and then hauled in to the dock
may 25th Came out with a load of passengers Havre
29th Spoke the ship Prescott 56 days from
Apilachicola bound to Havre

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30th took a fair wind squared the yards
and set the studding sails fine weather
31st fine weather) June 1st fine weather
June 2d fine weather,
5th head wind and caught a porpoise
6th Saturday a child was born
an occasional head wind between the
10th this morning we caught a head wind
head winds untill they came fair
20th fair wind and set the stugging sails
21st fine weather and nearly calm all the
out towards night the wind hauled
a little an took in the starboard ones
24th At about 40, clock A M the child died and
was buried at 8 when the watch was called
25th Was ushered in at day light by the mate
and cook kicking up a row the mate
struck the cook and the cook passed it
back then they clinched and old Rainte
down him and held him there untill
he promised to let him alone
26th At about 1½ while I was walking the fore
castle I saw a most beautifull meteoric
light in the south it fell to the south
and westward — illuminated the heavens
the morning was foggy

in the course of last night we took a
fair wind
28th fair wind and fine weather the passengers
all rocking about the decks sunday.
A specimen of my writing in the year 1878.
Dubious Fine weather and a good wind standing
along with the larboard tacks aboard
between the hours of 4 and 6 the chief mate
Mr Allen, came aft to the main rigging
where George Bliss was at work (putting caps
on the ends of the shrouds) did begin talking
with him about some of the passengers
washing with fresh water I was at work
aft on the same side near the mizen mast
the main spencer was set and the wind blowing
quite fresh so that I could only hear an
occasional word; but I did not pay much
attention to it untill the second mate
Mr Lewis went there when they began
to talk very loud and I heard Mr Lewis
call George a d—d scoundrel a number
of times and ended in chalenged him in
on deck to fight George came in and as
soon as he was fairly on deck the second
mate a pass at him and after that there
was three or four more passed

By this time the captain had got
there and took hold and parted them
and he sent George forward and the
second mate aft where he began talking
to the captain in a pretty vehement manner
Directly George came back to go to his work
I had my back forward and did not perceive
anything untill I heard the second mate give a
shout and George cried out for help I turned
round and ran to the spot and one of the
passengers had hold of George helping him
inboard I then took hold of him and we laid
him down on deck (because the blows he had
received had stunned him so that he was unable
to stand the blood began to run very fast
forom a cut in his head and I put my
fingers near the hole thinking the scull
was fractured: In the mean time I saw
the captain take a marlinspike out of
Lewiss hand with which weapon it
appears he had struck him we took him
aft and set him on the toolchest until
he came too and had his wound dressed
and came forward and now complained
of a pain in his head and hand

4th Began by civil account at 12 O clock A.M.
with light winds and foggy weather at
8, O, clock backed the mizen topsail and
luffed the old ship into the wind and hove
the first cast of the lead since leaving
Havre — found bottom with 54 fathoms
and calculated ourselves on the southeastern
edge of Georges bank after that it rained
incessently untill 12 A.M. when we went to
our dinner of salt cod fish and potatoes
After we had finished our repast we were
called on deck and got the chains up and
bent them; the wind came right aft — square
the yards and set the studding sails we have
Still continuing foggy and heaving the lead
every 2 hours

5th Fine weather and a fair wind at 5 A.M.
considered ourselves past the banks

6th Spoke the brig Vernon at night she was
from Havre

7th At 5½ A.M. took a pilot fair wind foggy
and rainy At 10 arrived in quarantine
and George spoke to the doctors about his
case who, said he could do nothing
about it The captain went on shore
and when the boat returned we went to dinner

While we were at our meal one of the passengers came to the gangway and told George that the second mate was away he started on deck and I followed him the dickey had got a good distance from the ship the means that he used for his escape were these he jumped out of the cabin window into the boat and then cut her painter and was off he went just as he stood only shirt and trousers on

5th " This day is all hubbub and confusion some of the passengers were up as soon as the day broke and washing all the things so as to be ready to go on shore; Our ship is now dressed out with clothes such as shirts and trowsers and not a few unmentionables of the feminine gender of which there is a far greater variety than I ever happened to see before. anywhere from the lily white as fine as lawn to the dark brown towcloth and as coarse as bagging. Once before I have seen nearly as many; at Milton Athwong not such a variety

At 1. P.M. the lighters came alongside and the passengers were bundled in bag and baggage shook hands with the crew and shoved off for the dock at quarantine to have their baggage examined and then to New York We scrubbed the steerage out and got the ship ready for examination

9th At 6, A.M. got under weigh with a fair wind and went to town let go our anchor in east river and commenced hauling in and did not get into a berth untill 4, P.M. made her fast and cleared the decks up and all hands put on a clean blue frock and trowsers and bundled our dunage out and 6 of us went to the sailors Home to board

10th At 12, M.D. we all mustered anboard agreeable to notice and settled our accounts with the bully ship Bazar long may she and her excellent continue to ride on the sea of life and always have the breezes and tide of fortune with them, NBS

In the afternoon I wrote a letter to my sister thinking it most time hear how things were going on and how matters stood and how every thing had been for the last 7 months

12th " Doing nothing but cruising about and "loafin round,, these two days past Sunday being the day that is set apart by all good christians for the lavation and purification of the spirit and the sanctify of the soul which is to render us into elysium after the good deeds of this life have run their charter party out and our names canceled from the book of life neither heard nor remembered but by the chosen few But 3 or 4 of us not feeling the immediate want of such a course But still feeling that we were not so pure as we might be we went to the battery and chartered one of those light and beautifull formed specimens of mechanism called a White hall boat and shoved off for red hook with a cargo of 6 precious souls besides the boatman (I dont know whether his was precious or not I didn't ask him

After we were pretty well into the stream we up with our sail and lead down to our place of destination where we arrived in good order and well conditioned. Now to look for a place for a bathe some were for going this way and some that. But after a short consutation and canvasing the advantages and disadvantages of both places we agreed to go to the south side where there was a small bend in the land with a nice shingle beach where we undressed and then had you been handy you might have heard us crying out to one anotha is it cold bill? how dass the water feel? why dont you go off? and another perhaps more timid than the rest would inquire if there was any sharks there? which was sure to raise a laugh among the sea-savage and would be answered in this encouraging way ~~[illegible]~~ d—n my eyes no what the devil do you expect sharks are going to do there; or anotter; I dont know whether there is or not! you can feel and see.

At last we were all in and capering and
and splashing about in old Neptunes
kingdom as if it was our own element
diving and jumping like porpoises
in a calm. In a short time we began
ducking eachother then was a scene
that would have tempted the risibility
of a stoic such jumping, running, and
shouting, throwing one another down,
and splashing of water as never before
happened to us in company
In the midst of the stindy Long Tom
and I got lenched together and,
There was tugging, and There was tugging
To see whoso go down
he tugged; and I tugged tother ways as
hard as I could, then we bothe tugged
together a spell just for a change and
to see how it would operate But it
not operating to suit and I knowing
I could manage him under water
I gave a sudden spring and threw
myself back at the same time
douse we went souse and I underneath
this as I had expected proved too much
for him and he quitted his grip

and clenched his leg and held it as high as he could saying Bill you have cut my heel with your bloody skylarking!
he waded ashore and set down to have a look at it and sure enough there was poor tom's heel with a gash three inches long in it which put an end to our spree We repaired to the boat and put off with a fair wind and run up buttermilk channel passed near the steam frigate fulton and had a fine view of her and likewise of governors island having sailed nearly around it. We landed at the dock near Catharine market.— closed our charter party and went home very well satisfied with our cruise
Nothing material occured while I remain onshore I went to see the play a few times and to the museum once or twice and the rest of the time I was engaged in reading novels and looking for a vessel On the 28th went down to clarks shipping office and found a vessel bound to wilmington and put my name down as one

29th The Brig Alvano of Belfast, Me.
Capt. Veazie, now lying in the stream
near Brooklyn; Long Tom and I took
our things down to the office and
waited untill the boat came and
then went onboard with our plunder
She is about 145 tons register hermaph-
rodite rigged and what is termed
a low deckhead nearly new having made
only one trip to the west indies we
cleared the forecastle of ship and sav-
dust put our things down and were
immediately set to work shortly we
had some bread and beef to eat and
then at work again untill supper
time and after that turned in
30th called us pretty early for a new begin-
turned out and lumbered round until
breakfast after that two of us with
the Capt went over to York in the
boat and got another man and
some timber hooks which I suppose
we will use in wilmington
After dinner got under weigh and
beat down the bay at night the
tide turned and we anchored at Gravesend

Chalked for watches and laid there untill morning.

31st Fitting the vessel for sea by getting the studding sail gear aloft putting on rounding and parceling to prevent chafing in the afternoon got under weigh and beat down 3 or 4 miles and came to an anchor just below quarantine ground at night furled the sails and turned in.

August 1st Waited for a pilot untill he was tired then took one anchor and followed a brig out and the studding sails but quickly hauled them in again.

9th We have had a southwester ever since the last date and if this aint a beautifull craft to be in, in a gale of wind then I dont know nattin tral about it. Our forcastle is the smallest and most ill contrived thing in nature it is but 8 feet in length from the stem to the bulkhead aft; and 2 feet from the bulkhead the sampson post is stuck down you can therefore imagine what sort of a thing it is:

It is in the shape of a triangle
withe the gangway entirely aft it
And has a scuttle within two feet
of the bow down which the water
comes in streams when ever it ra
or she pitches into the sea
For the last 7 days I have not been
able to sleep in my bunk for
the water coming down and wetting
my bed here we are our clothes all
wet every part of the forecastle wet
and the maindeck hatches on and
a sickly stench arising from the
sugar in the limbers, drawing
in upon us through the door in
the bulkhead that we are forced
to keep open so that we can breat
Upon the whole it is the most
11th uncomfortable thing ever invented
Spoke the spanish schooner
Jacinta from Havana bound to
Newfoundland, Long 74 = 47 W
14th Made the land in the morning
in the course of the forenoon
tacked and stood off into the
gulf stream

and there took a gale of wind
and did not see land for 3 days
then made the land in the after
noon took a pilot and that
night about 11, O, clock anchored
in Cape Fear river The next
morning as soon as the tide served
got under weigh and after
passing all the pine woods, corn-
fields, rice-plantations, marshes,
country seats &c, that grace
the banks of this river we
arived at Wilmington of which
place the buildings are strewed
along the river for 2 miles
On beholding it the observer is struck
with the idea that it is going fast
to decay the innumerable brick,
and stone walls, basements of
buildings, and deserted houses, more
or less mutilated by the hand of
time, seem to indicate a want
of care in the proprietors or now
that they are in ruins no one cares
what becomes of them or the
land on which they are situated

But on going "up town" I saw fine houses build of brick altho the most of the buildings are of wood — I think if some of our "Tip" friends were to go there they would find some of the best specimens of Log Cabins or slab houses (just which they fancied) now in the country the next morning after we got there we knocked the lumber ports out and took our chests on deck and then comenced taking in navy timber the sticks ~~of~~ about 2 feet square and from 25 to 50 feet long All the time we were loading we had to sleep on deck and eat ~~there too~~ however 3 days before we were loaded it came on to rain in the night and I got a thorough drenching and was sick 3 days to pay for it Sunday started down the river with a leading wind and arrived at the mouth of the river about Noon

After having taken our scanty meal, and smoked the mate called me to help set the rigging tand at 4 O,clock the captain with a great deal of liberality and generosity let us knock off.
The next morning was begun by the captain kicking up a row with me because I went below after all hands were called to take a dose of salts in the course of the forenoon we went out and stood away for New York,
Nothing material occured untill we were about 10 days out then we all began to feel the efects of sleeping ondeck The most of us were taken with pains in the back and head and before we got in there were only 2 left to manage the vessel the captain and mate were both below unable to do anything not even keep the run of the ship When we arrived at the quarantine ground it was raining and I went on deck to help

furl the sails and got wet which greatly facilitated the progress of my sickness and the next day I was unable to move off of the stick of timber that had been my bed the whole passage We got up and anchored off Brooklyn that day and at night the capt told me I was discharged which made me feel quite happy I can assure you I went to the "home" and stopped the next day and the following the 12th I got one of my old shipmates to get a coach and carry me to the City hospital and there I found out that I had the fever and ague I stopped there three weeks and had good usage and plenty of soup at the end of which time I came out and went to the "home" and stayed there a week to recruit my strength and then I shipped in the Detroit Capt Baker for Georgetown S.C. on the 15th of October 1840

Oct 7th

17th We left New York and went down as far as sandy hook and the wind proving unfavorable we came back and anchored under the jersey shore The weather was rainy and uncomfortable the two days we laid there the morning of the third we took our anchor and stood out and then came back again But did not anchor tacked and stood out the pilot left us and we stood on our course during the passage we had adverse winds and a plenty of rain My watch mate was taken sick about the 28th and I was then compelled to stand 14 hours at the helm out of the first 24; Because the captain would not let the man that kept his watch relieve me. I had taken a cold in New York and by keeping me so much exposed I was taken sick with pains in my joints and limbs and went below and at 4 O clock when the watch was called the Capt came to the gangway and called me — I told him that I was not able to stand watch

He threatened to haul me up with a rope and said he was not going to have me sick and dead or alive I should come up When he found I would not come up he then told the mate to go down and drag me up the mate came down and said I had better go up I turned out and went up after I had been on deck about 15 minutes and nearly coughed my lungs out he told me to go below and it was only for the ward sake that he had me up — — — This person is a resident of Hyannis and a professor of religion he is no sailor he could could not push the vessel about without making some kind of a blunder, His unfeeling language and subsequent acts towards me shows his character in the light of a miserable, tyranical being who has risen to his present station not by any merit of his own; But by the aid of his money

Nov 3d When the vessell was made fast along-side of the wharf I went to him and told him I wanted to go to hospital he told me he had spoken to the colector who would send some one down to show us where we were to stop in a couple of hours he called us (i, e, Tom and I) and said he would show us where we were to stop He showed us up to Mr Firaris boarding house which is used a hospital Come night we were shown up into the garret and told that was our bed ~~therefore~~ We had to turn in together which I thought was fine for us as we were both withe the fever anyhow after I was tucked in and the light blown out I could not look at any part of the roof without seeing the stars through half a dozen holes at once "thinks I to myself" this is first rate any how Tom reccomended that I should take my quadrant and take an observation of the stars through some of the holes; not Bad for Tom

The two worthies that keep this establishment: Male and female the former is a club footed frenchman very techy and restive; But a person of good principles and altogether ignorant as to book learning.
The latter is a tall rawboned person who has seen better days and therefore above her calling; Once in a while they will have a fit of a breeze; But I find that the grey mare is the better horse she growls a considerable and licks the darkies when they deserve it.
I think I will here attempt a discription of this place, It is situated on the North sid of the river sanpit and south of the black river it is well laid out the streets running peralell with each other and thereby forming the city into squares — there are 3 churches in it Episcopal, baptist and methodist,

Dec 7th Some time last week I went to the
8th latter to hear an old quaker lady
preach; by the name of Robinson or robson
she gave us a very good serm on the
text I do not exactly remember the
scriptural language; But it was from
" St Paul " I have fought the good
" fight I have kept the faith I have
" finished my course and there is laid
" up for me a crown of righteousness
11th Shipped onboard the herm Bright Mary
Jane; How I came to have an oppor-
tunity was by the crew kicking a bobbery
up with the captain who put
them all in jail and two would
not go in the vessel
in the afternoon left the dock and
went aground the captain went ashore
and at night the mate went and
and left the steward as officer of the
deck about 10 P. clock she drifted off
into the middle of the river and
we let the anchor go
~~The night morn~~
~~ing~~ The captain heard the noise
we made letting the anchor go
and came on the dock and

hailed us. Two of us went ashore in
the pilots boat and brought him
off We then haze the anchor
up and franked down alongside
of the dock and laid there until
morning at day-light and made
sail and went down the river 16th
and come too, furled sails and cleared
the decks up, At night we shaped
for watches and then turned in
13th Sunday the Captain took little Charle
and Steve in the boat and hunted
and the bar pilot (the other was only
a river pilot) and his gun and
shoved off at night they came
back with five ducks and 3 or 4
barrels of oysters the next day the
wind was ahead and we could not
get out the Captain went hunting
15th the wind still unfavorable and the
"old man" went hunting again
the wind had blown fresh all
day, the anchor got foul and in
the night she drifted ashore
called all hands to heave
But we could not do it, no how

We then loosed the topsail and topgallant
-tail and in a half an hour after
-wards she swung off we have all
cleared away the other anchor and
let it go clewed the sails up and
furled them and all hands turne
16th in, got under weigh and went down
with a fair wind the pilot came
onboard went out nearly to the bar
and then came back again and
put the mudhook down near the
light house on North island the
Captain went to town in a
schooner for the purpose as I und
-erstood of purchasing the brig
of Mr Waterman
The next day the old man came down
in a row boat with 4 negroes as
oarsmen and two gentlemen with
him besides sundry hencoops and
boxes one of the Gentlemen came
aboard and the other went to
town again in the afternoon
Steve and I went ashore with
the Captain and Mr Clark each
of them carrying their gun

18th 11 After breakfast the Captain and Mr Clark went ashore grinning and brought off some whale bitts the pilots were all engaged therefore we could not get one to take us out

19th 11 Took our anchor and went out against the flood tide. Vessels drawing over 9 feet always go out on the flood there is only 10½ feet on the bar

21st 11 set the topmast and lower studding sails and at night hauled them in the next day the wind blew very strong took in all sail but the fore spencer; and the following made sail and took it in; the wind ahead

24th 11 Fair wind and fine weather towards M.D. I was taken with my old complaint the fever and ague which lasted untill night when I was turned in I heard most a dreadfull squealing I went on deck and there were 4 of the murderous scoundrels having a poor boy and about to cut his throat

25th Christmas this year came on Friday
At daylight the mate came on deck
with a big brown pitcher and treated us
all round (not saying the water below)
to a dose of hot stuff in which was
discharged the pudding of the person
that mixed it. At breakfast we had
some pork steaks and good strong cof-
fee and potatoes; for dinner roast pork
potatoes nicely fixed off and last not
least a splendid plum duff the
affections of which we were no way
slow walking into. some supper we
had stewed hog and tea, sea cakes
and salt horse if you was mind to
call it; this being my well day, that
is, not having the ague on me I could
pull in steadily and get my share
the reason why I have said so much
about this day is Because it is the
only one that I ever helped keep at
sea although I have kept
a considerable many ashore

Fever and Ague

Oh these dreadfull strikes
Which chilling my heart to its very core
And which such havoc makes
On me as never was made before

— 1111 —

The blanket around me I wrap
When I am so cold and icy still
Then I think of the terrible mishap
That was a curse to the life of Harry-
-Gill

— 1111 —

Afterwards the fever comes
With all its sweatings and burnings
And the poor patient it dooms
To various tossings and turnings

— 1111 —

Four hours spent this way
Out of twenty eight and forty
Do declare and say
It is too bad and naughty

26th

29th

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31st

26th Had the fever and ague again which
I have every other day in the afte
-noon we set the gaff top sail for
the first time
29th yesterday we had a bit of a blow
But the old vessel behaves like a
lady in a ballroom she nods and
bows to the sea as if it was an
old acquaintance of hers Although
it is not quite so ceremonious as
she and often throws itself aboard
yet by appearances they have been
acquainted this number of years
To day we made the land fine weather
and a fine breeze steering south
at night shortened sail and stood
off and on untill daylight then
30th made sail and stood in for the
land made Turks Island and went
through the passage and steered SW
kept her running all night and
31st in the morning made the island
of St Domingo to which we are
bound — shortened sail in the morn
-ing at 12 M. made all sail
again

We are now lying nearly becalmed when
this morning the wind was blowing
" half a hurricane " such is the precariousness
of the weather sometimes at sea; But
" the wind bloweth where it listeth and
" manifold are the works of God deeply
" are they manifested to those that go down
" in ships on the mighty deep to do
business there " We feel his power in the
wind and see it in the clouds and
in the vast ocean also in the rise
of the "glorious orb of day" and in the
starry firmament at night which I
sometimes view with inexpressible delight
and am lost in wonder and admiration
of the architecture of this beautifull world
Bitt inconsistent as it may appear with
the life of a sailor and derogatory to the
character yet in the language of the poet
" they see God in the clouds or hear him
in the wind " they have their moments
of contemplation when the soul is
alienated from all things secular
and soars aloft untill it is lost
in silent adoration of Him who "holdeth
" the winds in the hollow of his hand

I do think
W B S
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Somehow or somehow I have made a great mistake in the dates of the last month beginning at the 11th to day is only the 30th We are now opposite a part of the island where the rocks and glens, hills and valleys, precipices and plains, trees, bushes, clouds, and seashore. are mingled together in beautiful confusion now may be seen a high white cliff and old ocean roaring and foaming in the caverns and hollows at its base the sea-birds on the wings, now wheeling with a graceful curve then rising majestically so as to appear a mere speck in the sky and again skimming over the white tops of the blue sea in search of their prey.
I think I am getting too poetical I'll stop

81 25th Fine weather steering on the wind she makes 1 S S E course running down the land We are now just entering what appears to be a large bay — Light winds making but very little head way toward night made 3 small islands which appear to be well wooded

1841

January 1st

I wish you a happy New Year
I did not exactly watch the old one out
and the new one in; But I was called
at 12, O'Clock M'ff the winds were light
and unfavourable and at 2, O'clock bent
the hawser onto the crown of the anchor
and let it go fouled fairs and all
hands turned in but the lookout.
At daylight got under way and stood
along the land — passed a village
just after leaving our anchorage
we were becalmed and a boat came
alongside with fish and exchanged
some for bread — their boat was rather
the "worse for wear" being patched and
tarred pretty well "the crew consisted
of 3 men dressed in hats and shirts
sans culottes the bowman's shirt was
very badly rent and made a pair of
breeches almost indispensably necessary
But the poor fellows were none The Captain
gave them some ~~rags~~ do rig they then
after getting their biscuit shoved off
and on getting part of the way to the
islands the virtues of the above mentioned
commodity began to show forth in

shape of sundry yells and screams
somthing after the manner of the whoop
of an indian and at last it settled into
a lower tone like chanting or singing
a breeze sprung up and "we left them
"alone in their glory" At dinner we had
a splendid chicken pea pie dined at quality
hours 2, O, clock after dinner a boat came
running down near us but all the
invitation and persuasion we could use
they would not come alongside and sell
us some fruit We ran along the land
untill we came abreast of 3 small
islands at 7, O, clock and cond anchored
abreast them — furled the top gallant
sail and jib and mainsail at 8
set the watch shortly after the watch
was set the Captain came up
and inquired who has the lookout
I have answered — A green hand
by the name of steve "Well do you
know what you are to lookout
for — yes sir to see when the vessel
drags — Well how are you are going to tell
Why hear the anchor sir — hear blazes —
No you must heare the lead over board

Apology

Here in my great haste
I've left two pages to waste
Which should have been filled with poetry
But now I have time
I will fill them with rhyme
And it shall be of my own composing

Then at it I'll go
My genius to show
In this kind of writing
And two make amends
For the "odds and the ends"
Had in it I've been inditing

This book I intend
To some friend to send
To let them let them know what I've seen
Where I've been
And what I've seen
And all the places I've been viewing

1885 Amen

"This bit of humor you'll excuse,
I'm not! Why then refuse
And say I'm mad, or something worse
Or a fool; and not worth a curse

Sister will you receive it
As a mark of affection pure
It is true believe it
Some of it will please you I'm sure

Keep it in remembrance of me
And the love which I bear to you
Or else another you never shall see
That is a fact I can swear to you

As a production of your brother
You must never show it
Or you'll never receive another
And full well you know it"

New York March 25th
1841

" once in a while to see if she drifts
" if it comes on to blow brace these
" yards up you have got nothing to do
" so you may as well brace them now
" let go that side and haul in this!
" haul away! What's the matter now
" I dont know sir! Well go and let go
" the starboard fore lift! aye, aye sir
" do you know which the starboard
" side is yes sir well which this the
" right hand side sir Well let it go
" now brace up the other aye aye sir
" haul away— Well what is the matter
" now I dont know sir go and let go
" the receptackle do you know which it
" is no sir go and find it then did
" you let it go yes sir where did you
" find it fast to the third pin now
" stop the spencer up and that will
do I think he must have been
training him and bringing him
up in the way he should go and
when he gets old he will go it"

About 8 O clock got under way with a fisherman dressed as the mode Haughs when we arrived within 2 or 3 miles of the city one of the regular pilots came aboard The captain of a vessel came onboard and advised the captain to anchor outside which we did after dinner 2 of us pulled the captain and Mr Clark ashore – We waited untill night for the captain But he not coming we both went to sleep in the boat near Midnight it began to rain and when I began to feel cold I woke up – Ah says I it is time for me to cut stick and find some shelter I started and Charley after me on the full jump not knowing the ground very well I hit my foot against a small lid of wood that was sticking up there over I went and Charley over me which served to roll me over, any how we gathered ourselves up after sundry kickings and feeling for ourselves and made the piazza of the custom house then I laid down on the brick pavement with my back to a wooden door to

keep it warm. In the morning I
woke up feeling pretty cold and took
a look at myself there I stood covered
with mud and so hoarse that I
could hardly speak Charley then
informed me that the oars were
stolen I went down and took a
look and sure enough they were
gone and the thieves had left us
only a small paddle that was made
of a piece of board. we then went
up town to find the captain
we found him — told him of our
bad luck he told us to go down to
the boat and wait for him
he shortly after came and we
sculled him and the captain of the
Mohican off to her and there took
breakfast — Borrowed a pair of
oars and pulled the two captains
ashore again the old man
said he would be back in a
few minutes and not to leave the
boat we waited until we were
tired and then went to take a
view of the city

we went to the market place which is on a large square of about two acres it was covered with all kinds of merchandize from a penny pipe to an east india hubble bubble provisions, from a pork steak to "the entire animal". Most of the buyers and sellers were females a most motley group from the black shining skin of the Congo darky to the beautifull brunette coulored quadroon their dresses having as many different coulors as themselves But the principal part wore white and all had kerchiefs on their heads Charley and myself cutting and shearing like struck dolphins now brought up all standing by an old woman sitting on the ground with a white cloth spread on the ground before her and that covered with sundry articles such as needles and thimbles, ribbons, cloth and jack knives Then again another with turnips and potatoes, plantains and cocoanuts and sometimes passing a jack

which I generally gave a pretty wide birth not through any dislike that I have to the animal But knowing ~~the~~ the viciousness of their dispositions I thought I might get a kick" by way of no harm the most that I could compare the place to, was a fair.
I shall go ashore and have a view of the place before I say any more about it
At dark we went off to the vessel
4th without the captain. When the sea breze made the government pilot came on board hove up and made sail and went in amongst the fleet moored the vessel head and stern which used up these 24 hours
5th Began to make a raft of some of the lumber worked at it untill night
6 The next morning when we turned out and looked at the raft it was pretty well wasted the planks were sticking out

every which way like a turkey strutting on a sunny day - We hooked on to it and towed it ashore
The anchorage or harbour (as it is sometimes called) is full of little bushy islands and shoals there is a fort built on one of them and every sunday morning about daylight a boat may be seen pulling to it having soldiers aboard: shortly after you can see the ensign waving in the breeze as if it floated over a garrison of a thousand men and perhaps it is only visited by a dozen in the course of a year. When we came here there was two vessels of war lying a short distance landward of the fort a top sail schooner and a barque: Since we have been here the schooner has gone out and they have been impressing men for the other - A country vessel came in and a boat from the barque boarded her and presently left her and went back - then returned to her having two soldiers in her then we heard pretty loud

talking and saw a great deal of gesticulation
But it all amounted to nothing they
nabbed one poor darky and took him
onboard while they were carrying
him aboard he sat on the boat
looking as dogged and surly as a
short horned, curly headed bull
I thought of their national motto
liberte, egalite which does not chord
very well with the last scene
17th We have been employed since the last
date in taking the lumber out
and yesterday we made a finish
To day I went ashore on liberty
as early as I could for the purpose
of going to see the review of the
troops — But we were rather late
the parade was over and the sogers
were coming off the ground and the
guard of the ensuing week were
relieving those of the last we followed
the relief of the president's guard of
dragoons to the gate of the house
and then took a look at it. It is
composed of main building and
two wings with piazzas around the

It is painted white and on the gable end of the attic is the coat of arms in bass releif - it is surrounded with a brick wall about 7 feet high which encloses near 10 acres of land and includes gardens, out buildings, courtyards and pasture land, I notice very particularly a partition fence on the grounds - it was built of rough poles and it had not a very presedential look about it we saw the first president's tomb where it is said that he and his daughter lie enbalmed the sentry said the sun was too high to open the door - On the way to the parade ground we passed 2 market places some fine fountains and jets de eaus which appeared to be in state of decay the course of the water was stopped and they were mutilated and defaced and in some parts patched which made them look still worse. Although a close observer might see that they were originally fine pieces of workmanship

The streets run paralell with each other and the houses all have piazzas which cover the sidewalks and at evening the people all gather in little knots in front of the houses every one wearing a skerchief around their heads 24th
As to wearing handkerchiefs they all do from the highest to the lowest it appears to me to be a natural appendage to their national character the soldiers wear them under their hats and the officers also can be seen with one around their heads and thead surmounted by a monstrous cocked hat

18th We began to take in mahogany to day which is towed alongside on rafts of about 45 sticks at a time then we hook on the tackle and bouse them up and check them down the main hatchway we till we get enough down then all hands go down and stow them

20th After working 2 days I took sick With a heavy pain in my breast

and stomach and a violent disentery
it is very sickly here at present it is
said the yellow fever is here almost
every vessel in port has someone
sick onboard and a number of white
people have died here already
24th Sunday this morning early three boats passed
us; the first was a shore boat, manned by
5 darkies, and they pulling a very quick
stroke and singing a hoisting song as
loud as the strength of their lungs
would allow them to do; They were
towing a boat, having 2 men in the
bow and one in the stern also a coffin
covered with the american ensign.
Lastly came a boat pulling 4 oars and 3
men in the stern the oarsmen in her
pulled a slow and (I thought at the
time a very solemn stroke) before
the boats reached the shore they
were a cable's length apart The way
that those darkies conducted gave me
a greater disgust for them than
I had before and the Lord knows
that was bad enough
Taking in mahogany and logwood 5 days past

Every thing in this place looks black
the mountains have a dark sombre
appearence and it seems to me that
the very bushes wear a darker green
than usual; the houses all look
black the people are all black not
only in the skin but in their deeds
they will take all the advantage
they can of strangers and should
I give my "real opinion" I should
say they ought to wear the black
flag; But that would not do, it
would leave them open to the world
and then they might lose their
liberte, egalite, which they have
been able to keep with the aid of
poison, or they would now have
been in the possession of their
former masters

One of their noble war vessels has
come back from her cruise, and
now lays at the old anchoring place
back of the fort; I understand
that they are not allowed by
the laws of nations to go out of
sight of land if they do they

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they are liable to be taken as
pirates
29th I will tell you of a fight that happened
today and the cause thereoff the why and
wherefore well in the morning as soon as
we were up we went ashore for the
darkies that were hired; we brought them
off first one of the casks in the boat
and I was sent ashore with 2 of them
filled. I and brought it back one
of the darkies brought a bottle of grog
for the mate shortly after that the captain
came off and discharged all but one of
the hired men, Then mate sent for
another bottle of grog by the watchman
every thing went on well untill dinner
time I asked the steward for a piece
of beef he said all that he had cooked
was stolen The mate had been sweating
her up pretty taut on the two bottles
of grog untill his courage was in the
right trim for a scratch he began
rating him and allowed that he
could lick him, and half a dozen
more like him besides calling him
names not the most gentle

he ended his volley of oaths, imprecation
and abuse by going to the galley door
(to which the steward had retreated)
and smashing a plate at him
which struck him on the arm
after that noble action he went
into the cabin; the steward came
out of the galley and stood by the
quarter rail where we were eating
dinner Charley said he was a fool
if he bore such abuse as that passively
he was in an almighty big passion
he then went to the cabin gang
way and challenged the mate up
saying he could fight him anyhow
up came the mate like a roaring
lion seeking whom he may catch
somebody as soon as he got on
deck he made a pounce on the
steward and hit him right
straight on the face the steward
let him have it back again
they then clenched and both
went down onto the toolchest
from that on deck sometimes

squealing like pigs at others barking
like dogs untill they came to the
galley where the steward got his leg
in limbo and gave up licked
" hole on said the mate let me see
" how much I am hurt and then
" I will tell you about it they were
both pretty spectacles to look at
when they "rocked off" their faces
all covered with blood their shirts all torn
and they looking like a pack of furies
they washed off the stewards face was
scratched and his bloodshoten and swelled
after the fight was all over the mate
showed us a bite which was meant
for his jugular and said the steward
bit it although I thought he might
have bitten it himself through
a mistake; anyhow, I thought
that he had the worst of it.

31st Sunday; Two of us went ashore on liberty and took another look at the manners and customs and moral character of the people which is at rather a low ebb, at present.

Feb 3rd 1st " To day the last raft came off which consisted of 10 pieces of mahogany which we took on board. Used the rest of the day up in fitting ship

3d Considerable sensation was created this morning among us by the mate informing us that the cabin had been robbed some time in the night. Which seemed almost an impossibility considering where the mate layed which place was on the starboard side of the cabin gangway. But there is other little considerations to be taken in view. Not only the consequence of a natural sober sleep; But the narcotic effect of the alcoholic beverage he had taken, so stupified his senses, and steeped his brain in unconsciousness, that hardly anything short of a blast from Gabriel's trumpet would have awakened him

However the thief or thieves were very bold and venturesome For they or he must have entered either by the gangway or one of the cabin windows by either of which places it was extremely hazardous to gain an entrance if they entered by the former they must necessarily have passed very near the mate if through the latter they must have been well acquainted with the localities of the cabin and the things that were taken (which were a silver watch and 50 gourdes of this currency the value of the whole amount was something like 40 Dollars.
Any how they or he made a lobb and got clear with it
4th As soon as the sea breeze made in we hove in the end of the chain (attached to the stern anchor) at the hawse hole sticking out on the chain ahead at the same time We hove short then it proved too much for us and the mate and crew of the brig Sandora came aboard unasked and helped us also those of the arkansas. When we got it up we found the chain of the Arkansas stern anchor foul of it clear it and cattee it fast the people aboard

About 10 o'clock in the evening the 14th
came onboard (having sent the pilot
aboard before) and with him also came
a number of captains and men
from other vessels lying in port
We then hove the anchor up — got
the boat ahead — set all the sail
we could and with mild land-
breeze bid adieu to that dark
republic of darkies, in which, some
of darkest deeds have been perpetrated
that were ever enrolled on the dark
catalogue of human crime
5th " We are yet in sight of this beautiful
land, It appears almost a shame
that this island should belong to
such a set of — I don't know what
I can hardly find a name for them
in any vocabulary that I ever saw.
9th " We have run through the passage
and are now clear of the land
with a fine leading breeze steering
for New York
12th " Blowing fresh laid her too under
the foresspencer lashed the helm
and "let her mull;"

14th Made all sail again and contrived to keep her head a little to the north-ward, At night it came on to blow and we took in all saill again

1873

January 21st Tuesday

" Having filled my last journal, and waiting for another to be sent for from Boston I am under the necessity of using this one; when the other arrives I shall copy this record into the new book. William P. Starbuck

Tuesday Clear fair weather wind S.W. gentle got ready and rode to town by the lanes and through our lot and G. C. Gardner's; arrived there about noon sold some potatoes to E. Paddock: Mend- 9989
-ed Hepsey's lock: Called on Sarah B. Wood. played checkers some, Did 29 p.
my errands. Took tea at D. W. Burgess no company only Mary Fox.
Attended Lodge in the evening. raining
Went to David's where Lydia was and played checkers with him untile after
9988. 11 o'clock. raining Went to the house and turned to rain 9940

January. 1873

Wednesday.

d. 27th Pleasant weather, Wind northerly. Called into E. Paddock's told her I was 56 years old today she gave me two apples, harnessed the horse and Lydia and I came home. read some. leveled the manure in the manure pens, Sim brought some corn into the house. read a little in the evening

Turned in near 7 o'clock. Lydia
2989. came to bed soon after 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

29th Wind northerly, cool and clear, chored around a little. soon after noon Thomas Hillery came here and brought some dried huckleberries for Lydia to carry to Mrs Susan Rawson who is sick with the dropsy. Wrote a letter to W. H. Caswell and one to F. L. Howard.

Lydia and I went over to Frank H. Folger's to tea, had a nice supper, played euchre in the evening, had some
2990. music. Came home. Turned in about 10 o'clock

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January 3941. Friday.

24th I'm getting ready to go to North Bridgewater It snowed when we came home last night this morning the wind is easterly, heavy and strong with rain and sleet. went over to Johns to see if he would carry Lydia and Sim to town today — he can't do it very well. Got ready and Lydia, Sim and I rode to town by the south road. I came immediately back by the Dwaise road. Did the chores. Abner G. Fisher called here and stoid about an hour, at night. Read some. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

25th I turned out made a fire. Did the chores. J. F. Packus carried a jug of milk to town for me. I went to L. H. Folger's to borrow a milk can they were gone to town. borrowed one at A. G. Fisher's came back. Let Johns horses and cattle out, foddered ours had dinner let the cattle out to water. Wind N. West Mattie Mitchell Fisher has been here since 10 o'clock morn. Put the cattle up and did the chores. Read some J. F. Packus spent the eve here, Turned in about 9 o'clock.

3942. Sunday.

26th Wind N. W. light Weather pleasant.

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January. Sunday. 1873

Did the chores and read some through the day. We have had a real pleasant day.
3943. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

27th Has snowed in the night and now rains. A. G. Fisher stopped on his way over to Johns, also when he came back. raining
Read some and chored around helping Lydia wash &c. raining. Wind easterly.
After tea had a romp with Winnie, raining all the evening. Read some. Winnie has been here since the 21st of december last. Wind heavy read some
3944 in the evening. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

28th Chored around all the forenoon. Got ready and Lydia and I went to town by the Quaise road about noon except going down the hill. the rain and snow had frozen and made the wheeling very bad. Did my errands and came immediatily back home again, arrived here nearly 4 o'clock eve. Did the chores. The sparked cow calved. Frank and Nellie Folger spent the evening here played euchre and checkers. F. P. Parkes here

29 Sept.

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in the evening and they all went home at 9½ o'clock
went into the barn and looked at the
calf. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

29th

Wednesday.

Wind northerly with small spits of snow
very cold. Did nothing but the chores
Jim Carney came here and invited
Lydia and I to go down to A. G. Sikes
to tea, near 4½ o'clock I walked there
Lydia walked down with Jim.
Had tea and spent a pleasant eve
playing euchre; J. J. Packers stopped
in there on his way from town and brot
us some letters. Charlie Swan and George
B. Starbuck came here in a sleigh, Charlie
wished to procure a spoke. mine did not
suit him. We all left Stone's and
came home near 10 o'clock.

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Thursday.

Did the chores. P. Coffin rode
to town with J. J. Packers. Cold but
pleasant. Wind northerly. Wallie Eldredge
came here in a sleigh. Capt C. Swain
left his team at John's gate and walked
here ~~on foot~~. P. Coffin came home about 3
o'clock. I chored around a little.
Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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January P. Friday. 1873.

31st " Wind west, northerly. Weather clear and cold. Did the chores, one of the cows calved last night. Chored around a little. Soon after noon Capt C. C. Foy and wife came here from Wescott in their sleigh. We had a pleasant time and they went home soon after 9 o'clock eve. Turned in soon after

1946 February Saturday

1st " Wind northerly and weather very cold. Did the chores. Lydia went to town with J. P. Backus in a truck wagon, she returned about 4 o'clock. I went over to John's and brought home the trunk that she went to town after. Read a considerable in the evening. Played checkers with John Turned in about 10 o'clock.

1947 2d " Sunday. Wind northerly and cold Did the chores had a fire in the parlor. Went over to John's and got part of the second barrel of coal he is going to let us have, every thing froze up, the harbor full of ice. Read some. Turned in near 10 o'clock.

Francis a Daff to Wm
Wm & Burgess price £-14=0d
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February. Monday.

Wind northerly, Weather very cold. staid in the house most of the day reading. After tea rode to town. Attended Masonic Lodge, after which went over to bro C. R. Paddock's and staid about an hour. then came home. read some in a book that Lydia S Paddock lent me. Came home and turned in 11 o'clock

Cancelled a draft to Geo E Burgess, price $3.14 = 5d

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Tuesday

Weather soft and foggy. Chored around a little. After tea rode to town with F. J. Backus. Called on Hersey. Attended Lodge after Lodge came immediately ~~home~~. sat with John. I stepped in to F. H. Folger's to a chowder party. Lydia, P. Coffin and Winnie were there having come in the early part of the evening. they were just sitting down to table when I arrived there, played 2 or 3 games of euchre with Frank. Came home and turned in soon after 11 o'clock.

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Wednesday.

5th " Weather mild and pleasant. Got ready as soon as I could and P. Coffin and I went to town. Put the horse up and gave him a mess. Did my errands. Carried Lydia I Paddock's book home and borrowed Phebe and I came home about 4½ o'clock. Carried a calf to D W & R E Burgess' farm. Did the chores, read through the evening in those books that I borrowed of L. I. P.

3949. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Thursday.

6th " Wind westerly, weather clear and mild. Near noon Lydia, Winnie and I rode to E. C. Morris's to get a pattern; stopped there near an hour, then returned home. Considerable snow, ice and water, in the road. Drove some cattle off the cranberry bog. Chored around a little in the afternoon. After tea A. G. Fisher called here to borrow my cart. He told me he had agreed to stay on the Burgess farm another year, he then went home, read some.

3950. Turned in near 9 o'clock.

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Friday.

7th 11

Heavy white Frost on the ground this morn. Chored around a little. C. Starbuck and Lydia B Harris stopped here about 2 o'clock on their way from town and he invited Lydia and I to go to Sensett next Sunday. Near that time it began to rain. Eat dinner and put the cattle up quick. Read some. Raining heavy in the evening. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

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Saturday.

Ground wet and heavy. Wind southerly. A.G. Fisher came and got our cart and left his spring cart. Chored around a little. Read a considerable through the day. After ten Mr Roden and wife and wife's son came here in his covered waggon. Spent a pleasant evening — played checkers some. Mr Roden gave us some eels they went home near 10 o'clock Turned in

Sunday.

9th 11

Did all the chores, Engaged P.P. Perkins to milk at night. Made ready and went over to Capt C.C. Foy's, between 1 and 2 o'clock

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Received a Police report from Martin L. White by mail from Boston. Had a very pleasant visit at Capt Jay's. No one there but us & Starbuck was invited but did not go. Came home near 11 o'clock. Wind northerly, strong and very cold. Turned in soon after

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Monday.

10th Turned out near 8 o'clock very cold indeed. Did nothing but the chores and read. the ice making on our north windows all day. Read some in the German Bible, in the

2953 - evening. Turned in near 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

11th Wind southerly and weather soft did the chores Mr. H. Weston and his mother come here about selling milk for us. Capt C. Swain came here and invited Lydia and I to come to his house the day after tomorrow. Milked early and Lydia and I went to town. Called on bro C. R. Paddock he is sick. Attended Lodge

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and Camp in the evening. called over to Paddocks. Lydia came there and we walked to the barn, and came we home about 10½ o'clock. Turned in after eating and reading a little

Wednesday.

12th

After doing the chores, Lydia and I left home about 10½ o'clock and rode to town. Did my errands. We carried received a book ~~of E. H. Daggix~~ 77 lbs of butter this week. Returned near 4 o'clock. eat supper. Did the chores.

A Copy

Of my Character

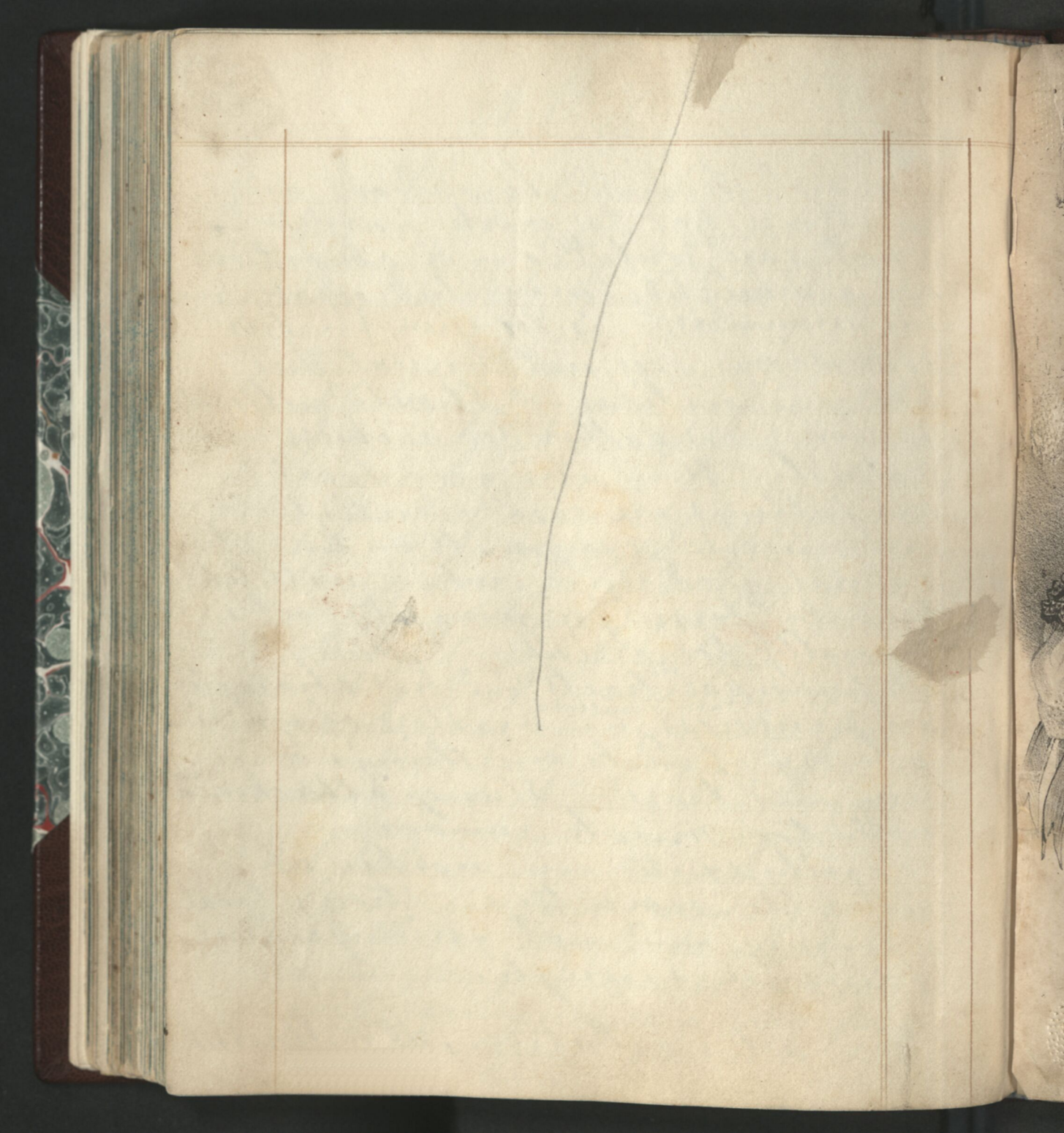
With regard to my phrenological developments as given by W. R. Strachan Clinton Hall, New York, March 10th 1841

This gentleman has an active exitable mind - soon arouse takes hold of a subject quickly - his mind passes from one thing to another with too much celerity - does not like to be engaged upon the same thing long - indulges in a variety of thought and feeling should study to confine his mind steadily and get it under his control. He makes considerable fun and amusement - is fond of a joke enjoys anything that is mirthfull is very social and enjoys the society of friends very much

Has an excellent memory of facts - details &c - Would be quick to catch a language - can express himself quite readily - has a very large stock of facts - anecdote once heard never forgets

Does not like to be outdone and sometimes has to work hard to do what said he could do — is ambitious not a haughty man but affable in his manners — is too open in his expressions does not conceal his likes and dislikes — Should cultivate prudence — is rather too reckless — naturally kind and good hearted — his feelings are easily enlisted — can mimic very well — has strong natural good sense when will take time to form judgement; but is generally too quick.
The principal traits in his character are firmness and decision in matters of opinion memory of facts and things once seen and heard — Strong attachment with too much candor — to easily excited and worked up rather too sensative. Strong local memory and not quite general prudence enough,

ad verbatim, W B Starbuck



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— To the Author —

The ocean seems to by them
By night & day —
Its mighty billows roll the on
Thy merry way —

Nor do I know but thou
(Written by John McLellan, Jr. New York city.)
Mett yet to ride in the car —
And be King of all the Neptune sea.

Thou wert thy armys leading star
When none other its guide could be
For thou wert great in war
But none in peace was greater than thee

Hail! Statesman! Sage! most profound
Thou didst our country guide
Thy memory in our hearts is bound
Thou is our boast and pride

Thy beautifull counsels we revere
Which were spoken in that noble hall
Where wisdom and talent did appear
And a deep sense of justice mix'd in all

To the faith of thy fathers true
Which renders thee into a happy state
Perhaps thou wilt there have a view
Of what will be thy countrys fate

Patriot! Hero! Statesman! Sage
These four combined in one
Thou wert the greatest of the age
But yet thy course is run

Written for the 22nd of February 1841

Original

Hail! Patriot of that glorious name
We welcome this thy natal day
May thy deeds our hearts enflame
And in them raise the tuneful lay

In loud pean our voices will raise
And tune them to the music of the soul
And sing of thy virtues the praise
That fame has spread from pole to pole

By the countrymen thou'rt be remembered
As long as our country is happy and free
Should it ever become dismembered
We shall never be forgetfull of thee

Hail! Hero with the noble mind
Which pride nor ambition never swayed
Thou art the noblest of mankind
When in all thy virtues arrayed

The glory of thy martial deeds shed a light
Around thee of glorious splendor
And raises in our minds those ideas bright
Our country's noble defender

WILLIAM H STARBUCK, 1860

of this vile tobacco — I'll never take another chew
Quoth he said, as his quid, overboard he threw
But he opp'd his mouth, in less than half-a minute
And took a half of a plug and fairly chucked it in it

Oh ye Gods be then propitious
And let us go to our port destined
Let our voyage be expeditious
And free us from the cold north wind

On the sea I'll pour my libation
Although I'm not very refined
Yet I'm exposed to some privation
And the chilling blasts of the cold north wind

Now the Gods have heard my petition
That is in these few words combined
And they have send with expedition
The sunny blasts of the warm south wind

17th of February 1841

Hark What sound is that; that strikes
my ear
It is the watch being called so pleasant
to hear
When the soul doth; and the head is
oppressed
And from over watching the eyes
seek rest

And when on Columbia's pleasant land
We meet one another like a brotherly band
Then we drink from the enrapturing bowl
Pure life the deeper pleasures of the soul
For merry &c,

When death in his terrors appears
And cuts short our jovial years
And puts an end to all care and strife
We bid adieu to our friends and finish this life
For merry &c,

A Song

Original by the Author

To the genius of the Ocean
And the God of the north wind
Express myself with emotion
In hopes some pity to find

I'll raise my voice aloud in devotion
To pray to the Gods I'm inclined
To shield me from the billows commotion
And the chilling blast of the cold north wind

The Sons of the Sea

Originals by the author

On the wide waters in joy we roam,
Our light ship, good, is our home.
O'er seas that are smooth and mild
And over those that are rough and wild
For merry and light of heart are we
Because we are the sons of the sea
Because " " " " " " "
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We rove on the sea when the moon is bright
And in the dark tempestous midnight.
Here we think of our friends on the shore
Or listen to the tempest's deafening roar
For merry &c

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Although in frozen northern climes,
Or in the sunny south at times
We wander; yet to our lot should fall
We there attend to every duty's call
For merry &c.

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These pieces will admit of correction

The author

The two first lines I believe ~~are~~ the beginning of another song W. B. S.

He has been out three years before
To bring from that affrighted shore
Those of the dark visage and hair that curled
Well known to the amalgamationists and world
And abolitionists too and set their back
The ladies of Lynn a foolish pack
I can pity a man that is born a slave
That grows and toils with the green
Its green turf wraps around him and he
Never feel the joys and blessings of the free
But I cannot respect a man who can swerve
From the truth his base ends to serve
And through our large extensive country go
Reaching horrid tales of direfull woe
Of dreadfull doings in some southern state
Or of some negro who had met an awful fate
Or of horrid murders lynching deeds their sph
Of conversation To offering for a debate
Then they preach and their hearers rely
On their word and admire fully
And say with a wink and nod
He is the servant of the merciful God
He speaks the truth believe him we must
Because he is conscientious honorable and us
Conventions by But that is an obsolete wo
Which to speak in these days is absur

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[illegible] was long and strong and black and low
[illegible] forehead were long and lofty and raking of
[illegible] and horses well fitting saddle and
[illegible] on all his guards and horses was every soul
[illegible] with stirrups to keep them from the gate
[illegible] and fitted to his place
[illegible] to wear a grace
[illegible] and well skilled
[illegible] the instructions they killed
[illegible] mounted for business
[illegible] of brass it was made
[illegible] the horses
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J. B. Stackpole, 1983